

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the existing Abstract with the following Abstract.

A² A branch prediction method ~~includes the steps of:~~ a) including determining branch prediction data indicating a state of branch prediction according to whether a branch is actually made or not; b) made, performing branch prediction according to the branch prediction ~~data;~~ data, and e) correcting the branch prediction data according to whether ~~a~~ the branch is actually made or not.